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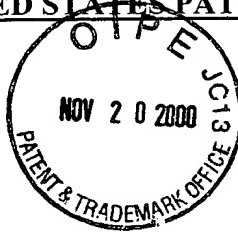
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In re Application of:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to a telephonic conference with the Examiner on October 20, 2000,
Applicants submit the following amendments:

In the specification:

On page 1, line 29, please delete "exotoxigenicity" and insert therefor --excitotoxicity--;

on page 2, line 2, please delete "exotoxin" and insert therefor --excitotoxin--;

line 6, please delete "adminstration" and insert therefor --administration--;

line 11, please delete "adminstration" and insert therefor --administration--;

on page 3, line 18, please delete "deigned" and insert therefor --designed--;

on page 6, line 4, please delete "phosphataseconjugated" and insert therefor --
phosphatase-conjugated--;